

UAP candidates discuss election platforms



Editor's note: The UAP elections will be held from 8:45am to 5:00pm tomorrow in Lobby 10. Here is a brief summary of the candidates and their views.

By Elaine Douglass, Aaron Rapoport, and Bob Wasserman

Rorabaugh/McManus

At the start, Mary Rorabaugh '80 has served on a wide range of student government and social committees. These include the Student Center Committee, The Lecture Series Committee, the Association of Student Activities, FinBoard and the UA General Assembly.

Rorabaugh said that her extensive experience in student government has brought her into close

association with many of the administrators with whom she would deal as UAP. She believes that this will greatly enhance her ability to act as the "overseer" and "coordinator" of the NomComm, ASA and the General Assembly, which she perceives as the essential role of the UAP.

One of Rorabaugh's primary objectives will be to increase the visibility of the UA, and the General Assembly in particular, which she hopes will reverse the increasing political apathy among students. She cited increased media coverages of UA activities and the formation of a UA social Committee as two ways to effect this reversal.

In addition to formulating some of her plans, Rorabaugh established her position on some is-



sues currently demanding attention of the UA. Rorabaugh was opposed to forced commons for freshmen clating the plan "expensive for students" and an infringement on student liberties. Rorabaugh expressed an interest in challenging living group isolation and in improving living group cooperation.

Hakala/Markham

According to Jon Hakala '81, the three most pressing issues facing MIT undergraduates today are the cost of student living, the social atmosphere at MIT, and academic freedom.

"MIT offers the worst undergraduate financial aid package anywhere" said Hakala, and he has worked with the financial aid office to get the student equity level reduced. Chuck Markham '81, his running mate, has also been working on plans to cut student living expenses by urging MIT fraternities to buy items such as fuel oil and maintenance hardware cooperatively.

On the subject of the UA General Assembly, Hakala says he would "give the UA substantial decisions to make" and would bring in "pizza and Coca Cola" to increase attendance at the meetings. When queried about how he would prepare for an important social or academic issue before the faculty meeting, Hakala related he would talk extensively to faculty chairmen and



increase social interactions between freshmen and anybody".

Forman/Hammond

"There is no real campus social focal point" said Steven Forman '80. He and his running mate Gerry Hammond '80 would gear their term in office around improving the social life on campus.

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then bring the issue for discussion to the GA. And when asked how he would exercise his right as UAP to talk at a faculty meeting, Hakala replied he would stress negotiation with faculty members and "only if all else fails".

"I'm against forced commons for freshmen" stressed Hakala, who eats 15-20 meals per week at the dining halls. He reasoned "Compulsory commons will not

UAP-UAVP candidates speak

By Tom Curtis

Editor's note: At last Thursday's UAP Forum, the four UAP-UAVP tickets expressed their views on a variety of topics ranging from campus communication to the cost of an MIT education. Here is a brief summary of what was said.

Campus Communication

Steve Forman '80/Jerry Hammond '80: They say they are concerned about the "enormous amount of fragmentation" they see on campus. To attack this problem, they would increase campus communications by organizing several large campus-wide events such as a Homecoming in the fall and a picnic during Kaleidoscope. Forman said he would like to see some kind of winter festival, which might be held in cooperation with another school like Wellesley. They would also like to increase alumni-student interaction in order to build student pride in MIT.

Jon Hakala '81/Chuck Markham '81: They want to improve the student environment by increasing the lounge space in

the Student Center. Hakala says he has been trying to improve the student environment by sending women letters encouraging them to come to MIT. Markham suggested a system whereby students could exchange living groups for two weeks as a way of helping the student environment.

Mary Rorabaugh '80/Tim McManus '80: They emphasize the need for stronger communications. They would strengthen communications by working on the social life of students. McManus would like to organize a Homecoming for next fall.

John Bisognano '81/Raymond Merz '80: Bisognano says he wants to be "a UAP who listens to the people." He is not happy with what he sees as a "feeling of distance between the UA office and actual students." He plans to get student input by going to the students in their rooms and talking to them.

Student govt. changes

Bisognano: He would like to hold GA meetings around campus in dormitories and fraternities.

nities.

Rorabaugh: She says there should be more effort to get people to come to GA activities. She does not like the system of the Nominations Committee electing itself. She suggested having the student body make NomComm appointments.

Hakala: He generally agrees with the current student government structure.

Forman: He would like to have one General Assembly representative from each living group with a vote proportional to the size of the living group.

Compulsory commons

Hakala: He is "absolutely against forced commons for freshmen." He says commons costs too much and the food is not that good.

Forman: He is in favor of compulsory commons for freshmen. The only doubt about the

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Sterling Swann stars in the MIT Musical Theater Guild's production of *Oklahoma*, which continues this weekend. (Photo by Gordon Haff)

MIT Video Club sponsors game show

By William Cimino

You may have been wondering what these "MIT 5.0" posters that have cropped up on campus mean. Well, I hate to disappoint you, but MIT has not switched to an "A/A" grading system. What has happened, though, is that the MIT Video Club has produced a new game show which is scheduled to premiere on Tuesday, April 10, with repeated airings from noon to midnight.

"MIT 5.0" is a game show based on the MIT graduation requirements. Contestants are asked questions on current events and general knowledge. Points (units) and grades are awarded according to how well the questions are answered. Drop date which occurs about half-way through the show allows the contestants to drop bad grades; however, they must maintain at least 36 units in the game. At

various times through the show, the contestants are asked to complete their "P.E. requirement." This consists of competing in such tasks as thumb wrestling.

The April 10 showing will feature two games. The first will star two teams of three persons each from MacGregor. The second show will star two teams from Baker. The best teams from each dorm will compete on an April 24 airing.

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Dissidents within the Democratic party are launching a campaign to replace Jimmy Carter. Michael Harrington, a leader of the effort, visited Boston last week. **Page 4**

The Boston Shakespeare Company has a new production of *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, which is on the whole very good in spite of the weakness of some characters. **Page 7**

Humanities Department to offer a new degree program

By Tom Curtis

The Humanities Department will offer a new major program in humanities and engineering or science beginning next semester. The program will be a more integrated version of the current Course XXIA and XXIB-1 majors.

The program will be offered with the special assistance of faculty from the program in Science, Technology, and Society. The STS staff will share in the supervision of the program and teach some of the core courses.

Students in the new program — known as Course XXIA, Option 2, and Course XXIB-1, Option 2 — will be required to take two nine-unit reading seminars which will serve as an interdisciplinary focus for the entire program. Students will also be required to write a thesis.

In addition, students will be required to take one course each in the history of science and technology and the cultural dimensions of science and technology. The bulk of the program will be ten restricted electives, with at least four in the humanities and at least four in science, engineering, or psychology.

The new program has been approved by the Committee on Curriculum. It had formerly been referred to as Course XXIC.

This program was conceived in 1974 by Professors Travis Merritt and Larry Bucciarelli, who wanted to strengthen the current XXIA and XXIB-1 programs. According to Merritt, the new program is designed to be "a firm joint major which is intentionally integrated." He says the reading seminars and the courses in the history and cultural dimensions of science and technology are intended to be a bridge between the humanities and technology for students in the program.

The present course XXIA and XXIB-2 major programs will be retained. The only change in these programs will be the replacement of the humanities seminar by one more elective humanities course.

The present full humanities major, Course XXIB-2, will not be affected by the new program. Merritt says "there is absolutely no truth to the notion that this [the new program] is the new way to approach humanities at MIT. . . Humanities have to exist in their own right."

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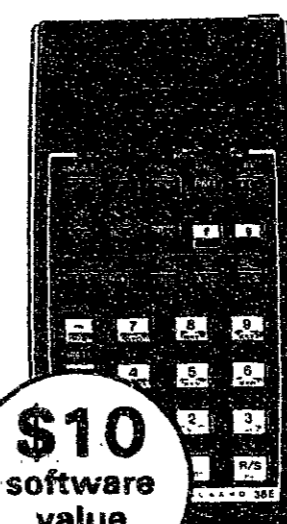
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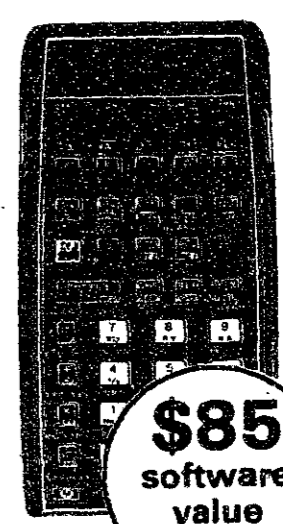
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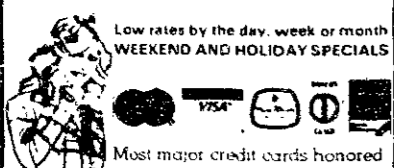
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Hammond would place an "emphasis on campus spirit" and expand the Homecoming activities to include activities by each undergraduate class.

Forman is for compulsory commons for freshmen, a rather controversial stand. "A meal can be a moment of respite from the pressures of the Institute," he reasoned. Hammond is less partial to the idea, however. Forman is on the Commons point plan, Hammond lives in a fraternity and does not eat on-campus.

Forman and Hammond disputed Hakals's analysis of MIT finances. "MIT is in a relatively good financial position," said Hammond, and he praised the MIT treasurer and the investment managers of MIT's portfolio. The candidates also offered the idea for a Jobs Program to help students get in contact with MIT Alumni, primarily for summer jobs.

"We would use the General Assembly as more of a communicative body," said Hammond, "and we'd try to give it something to do." The two plan to change the makeup of the assembly, limiting representation to one or two per living group with a weighted voting system. The GA would also hold meeting at different living groups rather than solely at the Student Center.

Bisognano/Merz

John Bisognano '81, candidate for Undergraduate Association President, and Raymond Merz '80, his running mate for the office of Undergraduate Association Vice President say they will work for practical improvements in the everyday life of students if they are elected. They want to bring the Undergraduate Association (UA) into greater touch with students, and they would also use their offices to lobby legislators on issues affecting college students.

"We want to distribute information to students about events on campus and in the Boston

area," he continues. "We have already, during our campaign, distributed a list of frequently used phone numbers as we go around talking to people."

Bisognano said he is opposed to the recently proposed idea of mandatory commons. "I am against such forced participation," he said and pointed out that in dorms with cooking facilities, many students "cook perfectly well for themselves."

"We want to change the entire spirit of the UA," Bisognano said. "We want to bring it down to earth, and especially to make it more accessible to students. One way of doing that will be to have UA meetings at various places around campus, such as MacGregor dining hall, East Campus and at the Boston and Cambridge frats." At present, all semi-monthly UA meetings are held in the Student Center.

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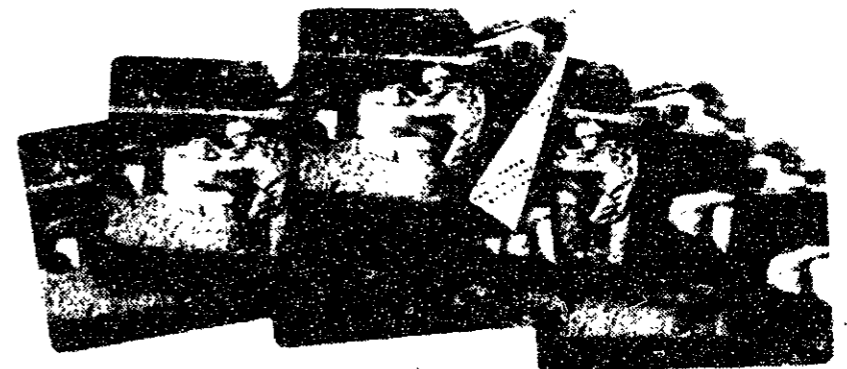
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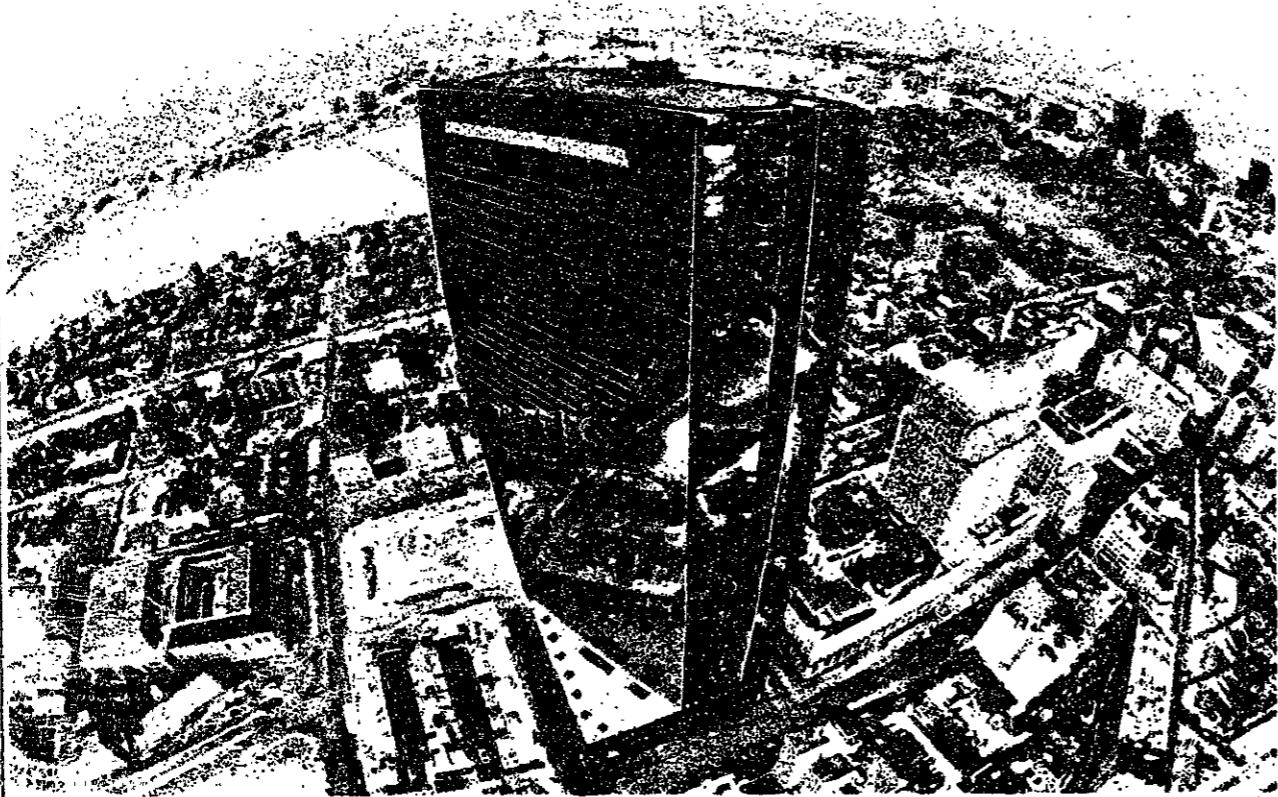


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opinion

Ron Newman

thursday tragedy

Editor's note: Ron Newman was a news writer for thursday from January 1977 to May 1978.

The MIT community lost an institution last week when the Undergraduate Association Finance Board (FinBoard) announced the official liquidation and foreclosure of *The Tech's* principal competitor, *Thursday VooDoo*.

The official reason given was financial; *Thursday VooDoo* owed over \$7,000 to MIT and seemed unable to pay any of it back. But, as an early edition of *thursday* commented after the similar foreclosure of an even earlier edition of MIT's humor magazine *VooDoo*, "it should be kept in mind that if the magazine was to go out of business, the Institute, through FinBoard, would be responsible for its debts anyway. What was really in question was whether or not FinBoard wanted *VooDoo* to continue."

From the freshman's viewpoint, very little seems to have been lost. Since the "merger" of *thursday* with a revived *VooDoo* last September (a merger in name only, since the two publications had nearly identical staff and facilities), little of lasting interest has appeared in the pages of the "combined" publication. Especially in its last few weeks, it has consisted largely of (1) exhortations to the student body to consume mind-altering drugs, and (2) boring, overlong descriptions of events in and around Bexley Hall. The two topics have not always been clearly distinguishable.

But a newspaper does not fall from grace at once, and *thursday* has not always been at its present low level of quality. Indeed, when *thursday* was founded in April of 1969, it prided itself on having brought "professional journalism" to MIT. *thursday*, according to its first editor, Jim Smith, was to be a paper whose journalists avoided "entangling" involvements with the administration or with student government, a paper whose "editors should decide to be politicians or journalists, but not to be both simultaneously." In the turbulent political climate of 1969-70, it proved impossible to maintain such standards of disinterest, but *thursday* continued for almost five years to present well-written, opinionated coverage of topics ranging from Cambridge rent control to Earth Day, from the Vietnam War to student government elections, from the Superior Court trials of MIT students to the designs many Cambridgeport residents feared MIT had on their neighborhood.

But just as Watergate turned national politics from a participatory activity to a spectator sport, so too did local political activism begin to wane within Cambridge and MIT by the 1973-74 school year. Some of the paper's favorite topics, such as political trials and large antiwar demonstrations, simply stopped occurring. The arts section of *thursday*, once non-existent, soon began to grow larger than the news section.

By the time I arrived as a freshman in September of 1975, both *thursday* and the Social Action Coordinating Committee — the campus's only remaining political organization and the source of most of the politically active *thursday* writers — were deeply divided.

SACC meetings often degenerated into arguments between Trotskyites, neo-Leninists, and members of other factions, and the SACC members at *thursday* steadily lost ground to a new breed of student whose primary interests seemed to lie in running for UAP, seeing one's name in print, and offending as many other people as possible. The weekly meetings of the *thursday* "collective" had themselves degenerated into back biting and insult sessions, presided over by a few very insecure male egos. Any attempt to invoke *thursday* tradition, the example of other publications, or political criteria in support of one's position was met with derision. It was no wonder that some of the bitterness of the paper's staff, no longer channeled into effective political action, was soon turned against the student body itself in columns with inspiring titles like "Irregardless," "Venom," and "What Is This Shit?"

All right you turkeys. This is it. I've been restraining myself all term, but the time for illusions is over. I have never met a bunch of losers like you people. I've tried everything to enrage you, entice you, excite you, inform you. But it's a hopeless cause... You're all DEAD and it's all your fault...

I've been told that a segment of people think that this paper is going downhill. Well, we are just a reflection of you. You are boring, so the newspaper is boring. ... I could keep spouting off at you for pages and pages, but as I said that wouldn't change you. ...

Jonathan Mark Horn,
"Irregardless," Dec. 6, 1976

It wasn't an atmosphere well suited to good writing, friendship, or constructive criticism. Over the remaining two years of its life, *thursday* would still print provocative and intelligent political commentary from time to time, but as each term passed, the political writers graduated and were not replaced, and those responsible for the likes of "What Is This Shit?" tightened their hold on the paper. The staff of *thursday* never seemed to understand why they were receiving less and less respect on campus; why new people would not join the paper; why an increasing number of former staffers vowed to have nothing further to do with *thursday*; or, in the end, why they were publishing at all.

The tragedy of *thursday* is that instead of responding sincerely to the wishes of its readership, it barricaded itself against that readership and evolved into irrelevancy.



Joel West

Will Carter be dumped in '80?

With the New Hampshire primary less than 11 months away, the political left is gearing up its full-scale effort to "Dump Carter" in 1980.

"What?" the conservatives will cry. Dump the man who cancelled the B-1, gave up the Panama Canal, and continues to resist a balanced budget? There are those who think that Carter is too liberal, and they certainly won't be trying to find someone to the left of the President.

But the man the leftists want to get rid of is the one who plans to increase defense spending at the expense of social services; the Carter who reneged on a campaign promise to establish national health insurance. Most of all, they have targeted the same Carter that many conservatives are after — the one who is incapable of controlling runaway inflation and high unemployment.

The evangelist of the left is Michael Harrington, author of *The Other America* and *The Twilight of Capitalism*. Harrington — not to be confused with former U.S. Rep. Michael Harrington (D-Mass.) — is currently a professor of political science at CUNY, Queens. Harrington is a socialist. The group he chairs is called, appropriately enough, the Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee.

Democratic is the key word. Harrington and his compatriots (among them Gloria Steinem and Rep. Ronald Dellums (D-Calif.)), want to "bring a socialist perspective and vision" to the left wing of mainstream politics. Unlike previous American socialists, DSOC is oriented towards coalition politics.

The hopes of the leftists for 1980 can be summed up in one word: Kennedy. If Harrington is the left's evangelist, Kennedy is their reluctant Messiah — worshipped not so much for his beliefs as for his vote-getting ability. In Harrington's words,

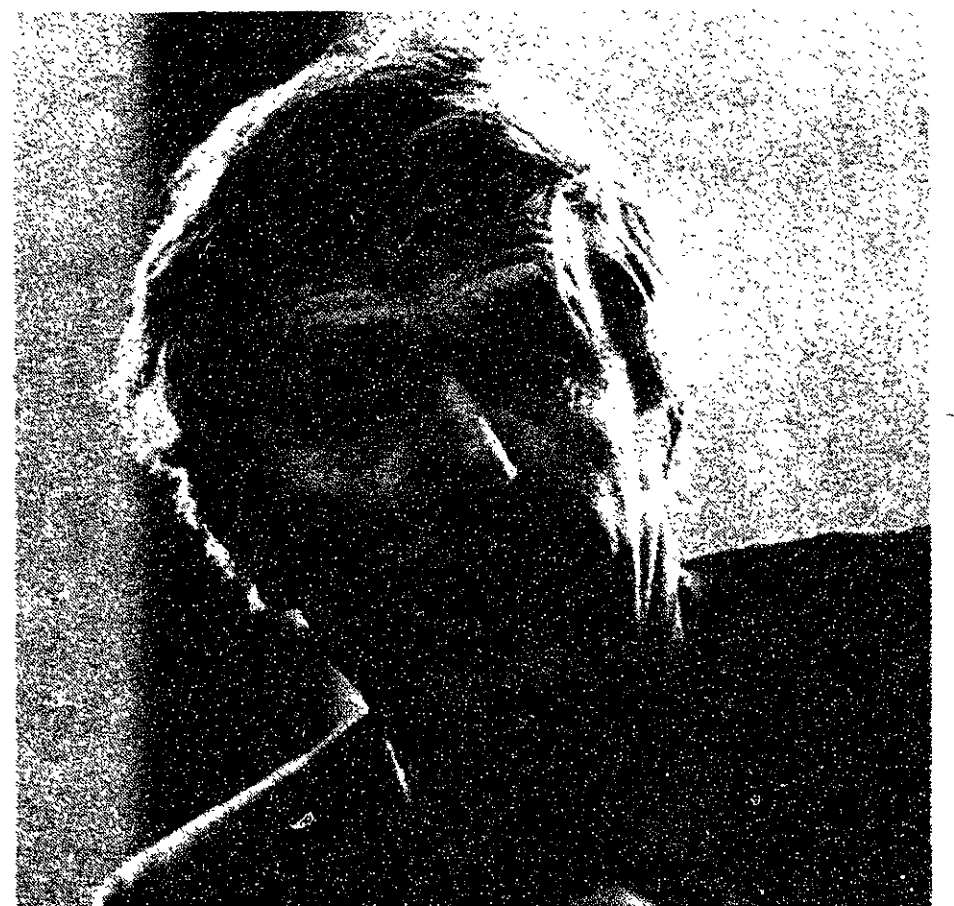
Kennedy is "the outstanding liberal mainstream politician in the U.S. today ... if Kennedy were to announce his candidacy at midnight, by 8am he'd have a campaign committee in fifty states and the District of Columbia...."

Therein lies the problem. Although Kennedy has been saying he's not going to run, no one is convinced, least of all the liberals who might be inclined to challenge Carter. No one wants to enter the race while a possible Kennedy candidacy looms over them. On the other hand, if Kennedy does not run, any other challenger from the left will have to spend a lot of time building a national image and campaign network.

However, Harrington and his group don't plan to wait forever. If Kennedy has not committed himself by this fall, other options will be explored. In November, activists from various constituencies will meet as the Democratic

Agenda to formulate "broad liberal/left-wing programs." Favorite son candidacies and *de facto* Kennedy slates have been suggested, but both lack the appeal that a declared national candidate would bring. Harrington himself believes Kennedy doesn't know himself whether or not to run; the DSOC's leader's scenario calls for Kennedy entering the race to stop Jerry Brown, whom Harrington terms "a dangerous element in American politics."

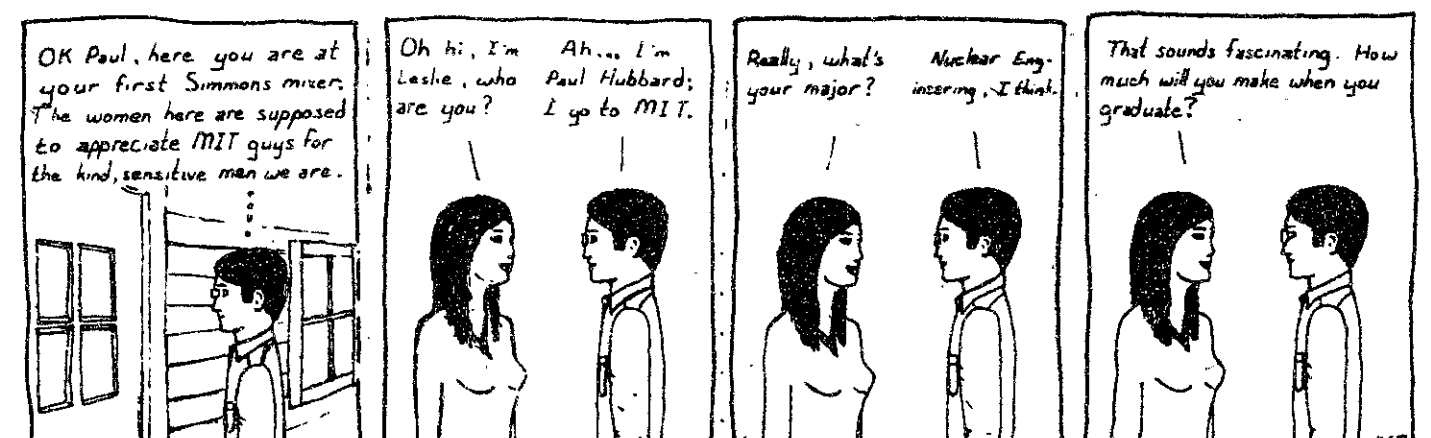
In a talk at Harvard during a recent two-day visit to Boston, Harrington made it quite clear that the left's task is not an easy one; reactionary solutions to the nation's economic ills will be posed in addition to progressive ones. "We are at a turning point in American society and it is not guaranteed that we will win." But he hopes that successful Kennedy candidacy will be the first step towards his utopia: a system where "all economic decisions will be made democratically."



Michael Harrington (Photo by Joel West)

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A primary concern of ours is student input on UA and campus policies. For this reason, we cite communications as our primary interest. We propose a down-to-earth sincere method of communication which includes the UAP and UAVP's presence at many fraternity, dormitory, and club meetings. This close communication is the only way to effect a good student organization. General Assembly meetings should be held around the campus on a rotating basis and the UAP and UAVP should make a habit of touring living groups just to keep closely in touch with the student body's views and needs.

We are very aware of the problems facing MIT students. If given the chance, we will keep a very close eye on campus academic, financial, and social matters. This would include active UA participation in all institute committees and frequent informational.

(Please see the continuation on the next page)

Steve Forman/Jerry Hammond

In the past the UA has suffered from a lack of student recognition and respect. What has the UA really done for students?

This year many of the UAP's and UAVP's efforts were detoured from visible student programs to the DSA reorganization and the presidential search. Despite this the UA has been valuable in dealing with the administration and in helping other organizations, including the Freshman class, to get off the ground. We will continue these worthwhile activities, but more remains to be done.

We will organize and sponsor large, campus-wide activities including a Homecoming Dinner-Dance, Kaleidoscope Picnic/Cookout, and a Winter Weekend.

We want to increase alumni/student interaction by expanding the Careers Symposia to all classes. We will also start Survival Seminars where alumni bankers, insurance agents, lawyers, etc. will give the low-down on writing a will, what to look for in a lease, how to obtain credit, and other necessary facts which are generally ignored in the educational

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Jonathan Hakala/Chuck Markham

\$5300 TDM!

Tuition has soared much faster than inflation during the last ten years. Yet MIT earns less income from its investments than you earn from your savings account. With effective management, MIT would earn an astounding \$3,000 per student in additional investment income every year! The Undergraduate Association President (as a Corporation Joint Advisory Committee member) should ask that MIT funds be managed effectively.

Both Vice President Simonides and Student Financial Aid Director Frailey credit Jonathan as influential in the Academic Council's decision to roll back the proposed equity level from \$2700 to \$2,650, saving students \$116,000.

Chuck has organized projects that save fraternities over \$10,000 every year. He is now working to establish an Institute-wide food cooperative.

The social atmosphere is very important! We will actively solicit your ideas; anything from living group exchanges to new evening dance classes. We favor substantially increas-

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Mary Rorabaugh/Timothy McManus

The candidates come and the candidates go,
But still there's two names that we think you should know.
Mary Ann Rorabaugh and Tim McManus

Are the names to recall 'cause they've got a big plus,
Their ticket is balanced — one dorm and one frat.

When it comes to activities, Mary knows where it's at.

She's experienced in government, if you know what I mean,

While her running mate is really quite new on the scene.

He should bring us new insights — new ideas and much more
We will hear from the folks we've not heard from before.

One problem we see in the Undergrad A

Deals with NomCom, and Finboard, and then to ASA.

There's no interaction between these three things,

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uap/uavp candidates

Mary Rorabaugh/
Timothy McManus

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And they're free to go off on their own separate flings.
This can not go on; it just simply must end.
Communicate we say, and we'll work toward that end.
We think that Kaleidoscope should be pushed even more;
With the new drinking age that will be quite a chore.
We'll need new ideas just to make this thing tick,
Like a field day and maybe an all school picnic.
And we'd like to see Homecoming backed by UA,
With festivities leading up to the game on that day.
It's a chance to get students together in the Fall —
To increase social life and involvement and all.
This should give an idea of the things we'd like done —
An idea of how we'd like the UA to run.
Please remember when voting tomorrow at Tech
That Rorabaugh/McManus is the ticket to check.

Steve Forman/Jerry Hammond

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process. Finally, we will work with the Alumni Office to coordinate a comprehensive summer job program.

Alumni offer a tremendous resource of knowledge, experience, and contacts which students ought to be able to utilize.

Our plans and our enthusiasm can help MIT develop the campus spirit it now lacks.

Jonathan Hakala/Chuck Markham

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ing lounge space in the Student Center, so people can sit down, eat, talk, and relax. Jonathan is also involved in an MIT project designed to increase the number of women who attend MIT.

We will continue to work hard to expand academic freedom with proposals like unlimited optional elective pass/fail and self-paced 8.01 and 8.02 physics examinations.

Jonathan serves on two faculty committees: Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, and Educational Policy. We both serve on the General Assembly and on the Student Committee on Educational Policy (Jonathan as chairman). Chuck is also Treasurer of the Interfraternity Conference, a Sigma Chi officer, and serves on Finance Board and the Wellesley-MIT Joint Committee.

We will hold public forums to get your input on important issues and will represent your views effectively, both to administrators and at faculty meetings.

We can provide effective, experienced leadership. VOTE JONATHAN HAKALA/CHUCK MARKHAM. Tomorrow, 8:45-5:15, lobby 10. Please remember your ID.

John D. Bisognano/Raymond Merz

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memos to you, our constituents. We also hope to improve the daily life of the MIT student. This can be done by providing informal places to sit and relax between classes; by distributing useful and helpful information on area activities; by substantially improving commons dining; and by wholeheartedly welcoming your suggestions.

We can create a working and useful Undergraduate Association that will earn your respect and faith, not your suspicion and contempt. Please give us the chance to revive and refresh the Undergraduate Association.

class officer candidates

Class of '79

President



Marcia Grabow

Tomorrow you'll be electing your officers for the next five years. It *does* make a difference, so take the time to stop in Lobby 10 and vote.

Senior week is your week. What the Class of '79 needs most is ideas for senior week activities and for a meaningful class gift. Let your new class officers know what *you'd* like to see.

Secretary-
Treasurer

Marla Eglowstein

When our class begins to go its separate ways on June fourth, we

will need a secretary who can maintain communication between class members. A good secretary does more than just that, though; the secretary becomes an important link between our class, the Alumni Association and the general MIT community. I would very much like to serve as our class secretary, because I would enjoy hearing from you and helping us stay together as a class. I've had a good experience as class secretary before, and I expect that writing class notes would be even more fun. I have the contacts with you that will make this communication work, so come out and vote on Wednesday, and don't forget to write to me!

Sharon
Lowenheim

Like everyone else who receives a copy of *Technology Review*, the first thing I turn to is the Class Notes, and I think it would be great to be the "Chief Communications Officer" for my class. I would like the opportunity to keep the Class of '79 from fading into oblivion after graduation: keeping an up-to-date file on class members, maintaining the class account, making our five-year reunion as unforgettable as I hope Senior Week will be, and writing our very own Class of '79 Gossip Column!

Thank you, and don't forget to vote.

Executive
Committee

Bruce Bornstein

My duties on ExecComm this year dealt with planning Senior Week, production of the successful All-MIT Talent Show, and organization of the Class Gift in cooperation with the Alumni Association. I want to continue serving our Class by pursuing the following objectives: planning our fifth year reunion, compilation of a class directory, and most importantly working with the Alumni Association in maintaining contact between classmates.

The Executive Committee needs qualified and dedicated officers. I am committed to serving you, the Class of '79. I seek your support because I have a proven record as an experienced and responsible class officer.

Thank You.



Debbie Meyerson

As Class President sophomore year, I ran a frisbee sale to raise money for our class; I still have several frisbees left over. In addition to distributing frisbees during senior week, I would like to work on other activities. As a member of the Executive Committee I could work more effectively.

Class of '80

President



Kate Mulroney

Hi!
A class president should be both an organizer of class activities (our class can — and should — regain the identity and unity we lost long ago) and a representative of the class to all other groups. Input from the whole class, that is put to work (especially in planning our graduation) is essential if the job is to be at all worthwhile, however.

I would like to do these jobs for you. I really want your input; and I have ideas, experience, and lots of enthusiasm for the job. Don't forget to vote tomorrow — your input starts there — and remember my name!



Barry Starr

The reason why you've never heard from your class officers in the past is because they've never had any class money to spend on anything, even a newsletter. This year will be different.

I wrote a proposal (which has already been accepted) to the,

Alumni Association which will, for the first time, provide funds for the classes on a yearly rotation. This will help *all* classes including our own. Ideas like these have to be acted on, not just kicked around.

I feel I can represent the class by accomplishing and organizing functions instead of just thinking about them. That's what a Class President should be doing, don't you agree?

Vice
President

Chuck Irwin

Hi! I am running for the Vice-Presidency of the Class of 1980 because I want to see more student unity and pride in MIT as a college and as an exciting living experience for four years. I feel that many more all-campus activities like those I hear about at other schools (a real Homecoming, concerts, bed races. . .) would go a long way to establishing true spirit here. Naturally, I'll be needing your ideas and help, and the first step is to vote. Show up and say you would like more pride and spirit at MIT!



Debbe Utko

During our senior year, we'll all be thinking about going out (Please see the continuation on the next page)

class officer candidates

Class
of '80

(Continued from preceding page) separate ways. We'll also want our senior year to be memorable, one that will strengthen ties formed during the past few years. I've heard ideas for activities, including a second annual talent show and a Cape Cod trip. I'd like to be active in planning Senior Week and commencement. Class officers should have the concern and time it takes to work effectively in coordinating a large group. I feel I'm qualified to do a good job. Please take the time to vote — and vote Debbe Utke for your vice-president.

Secretary-
Treasurer

Charlie Malacaria

As Class Secretary/Treasurer my primary responsibilities would be to keep class funds in order and keep communication lines open between class officers and members of the class. I would also like to organize activities that would cut across living group lines. Finally, I would place much emphasis on organizing commencement and senior week activities. I consider myself an energetic, organized, motivated and likeable leader — all talents and assets which our class would benefit from.

Executive
Committee

Tabetha Frey

Senior year has the potential to be our best year at MIT. I am running for Executive Committee because I would like to make it the best. The traditional Senior Week, graduation and the whole year can be great if we have enthusiastic officers. I have worked for our class before as Vice President of the class our sophomore year. I enjoyed that and hope to be given another opportunity. I have a few ideas, more contact with the Alumni Office and the regional alumni groups before we graduate so we can gather information about the various parts of the country we will be scattering to, a second expanded talent show and I am always open to your suggestions. Bring your I.D. to Lobby 10 on April 11 and remember to vote for Tabetha Frey for Executive Committee.

Class of '81

President



Jenny Ford

Hi, I'm Jenny Ford, and last year I served as secretary/treasurer. Last year I learned how to get things done, which realistically set my views of what can be accomplished by the class, and how things should be done.

I'll promise an open, representative structure that will organize a junior class function, an event like the Talent Show, and financial success for the donut stand. These'll be done and done right. (Maybe they'll prove easier than designing an acceptable ring.)

Well, have a good day, and if you want to talk, stop me. . . I'm around.



Kevin Mazula

Vice President candidate Therese Prisby, Secretary-Treasurer candidate Frank McNeil, and I have discussed what ends we would try to achieve as class officers and found them to be very similar. What we want to stress is this — EDUCATION IS NOT TOTALLY ACADEMIC. Striving for excellence includes both academic achievement and success in social activities and living groups.

Last year we didn't do enough together. This is where we can add to ourselves. . . with more interaction and more friendships.

(Please see the continuation under Therese Prisby)

Vice
President

Therese Prisby

(Continued from Kevin Mazula's statement)

Therese, Frank, and I have several ideas which may benefit our class and the MIT community as well:

I) Homecoming — next year we have several home football games. A week of activities would help rally our team.

II) Service Projects — MIT has administrative offices which know of several projects which could (and should!) be undertaken in the MIT, Cambridge, and Boston areas.

(Please see continuation under Frank McNeil)

Secretary-
Treasurer

Laurie Christopher

Greetings, fellow classmates. . . I'm not going to make a campaign speech, but I will say what I intend to do if I am elected. I would like to keep in close touch with the class on all matters. When the class speaks, the student government should listen. I would also see that financial matters will be well attended to. The doughnut stand will be well run, and activities will be well organized.

But again, most of all, government, is representative and should answer only to the people. So vote, and talk to the candidates and let them know how you feel.



Rob Firester

Over the Sophomore year, I have noticed that the class officers were having difficulty communicating with the student body. I believe I can aid with this problem. I would like to get input from the class through polls and open meetings, then produce a newsletter to report on the findings and courses of action. The junior class earns money from the Lobby 7 doughnut stand that could be used for an outing, junior prom, or any other project the class wants.

I am willing to devote the time and energy to be an effective secretary/treasurer. I hope you'll allow me to serve you! PLEASE VOTE!



Frank McNeil

(Continued from Therese Prisby's statement)

III) Class Meetings — communication was one of our classes biggest problems This year. We should do what we want to do. Feedback is essential in order for officers to be organized towards the classes desires.

IV) Other ideas — still in the planning stage. What about student exchanges between schools,

dorms, and/or frats? How about a formal, class meeting, or picnic at Endicott House? Or even a Cape Trip? The possibilities are limitless!!!

Developing friendships is an important aspect of college life. Therese, Frank, and I feel that we can supply opportunities for interactions. WITH YOUR HELP, NEXT YEAR CAN BE THE BEST YET FOR THE CLASS OF '81.

Executive
Committee

Mark Fogel

Class government's purpose at MIT is not to pull together some eleven hundred students of many varied interests into one coherent group and label them sophomores. Besides being an unrealistic goal, there is no need for it, living groups serve the need of a student to belong.

Since a student's life circles around his or her living group, the purpose of class officers is to get sophomores to know each other. Of course sophomore government should also represent class interests with the ad-

Class of '82

President



Duncan Borland

I love MIT and am tired of being told that I'm supposed to hate it until I graduate. Sure the work is hard and it's hard to talk to people sometimes, but I put up with that because the Institute is the best place I could be. The best way to make MIT friendlier to us is to be friendlier to it. If we love it, it'll love us back. I would like more class unity and support because I think they'd make MIT more fun. I want to organize some class activities, such as fund-raising, a party, and a picnic next year.

Grantland
Drutchas

Last year, the sophomore class officers experienced several problems, the largest of which was the apathy which shrouded each project they had initiated, with the exception of the class

ministration, but getting each of us to know the other is a worthy goal, worth its attention.

I'm committed to that goal, and I hope you'll vote for me.



Lynn Radlauer

I am running for Executive Committee for the class of '81 because I feel I can make a most positive contribution to our class organization.

Usually, the operation of the doughnut stand to raise money for senior class activities is considered the primary responsibility of the junior class officers. However, I feel that immediate issues should be more strongly addressed.

There is a lack of school spirit among MIT undergraduates. I would like to overcome this situation by helping to organize activities which would bring students together in a non-academic setting.

I have many ideas which I hope to turn into reality. If elected, I hope to live up to my intention of promoting school and spirit along with providing dedicated leadership.

ring selection. I feel that we should organize more conspicuous social functions, giving students a chance to communicate with their elected class officers.

As a member of an MIT fraternity I can understand the issues faced by the independent living groups, and yet a large portion of my friends and acquaintances live on-campus, providing me with a wide range of backgrounds and opinions from people on both sides of the river.



Jay Glass

As elected representatives, our class officers have a duty to remain sensitive to their classmates' problems. The class president in particular should speak up and act when a problem appears, for the president can best gain attention.

I'm Jay Glass, and I'll speak up.

I propose:
— a general class survey at least twice a term to solicit the views and problems of our class. The compiled "gripe sheet" would furnish us with something concrete to work on improving.

— a poll to decide ring design; no free rings; complimentary rings raffled off to raise money.

I want your support tomorrow. Thanks.

class officer candidates

Class of '82

**Patrick Houghton**

In order to better serve his constituency, the class president must actively seek opinions and ideas from the members of his class. To implement these ideas and voice these opinions he must be involved in an active information exchange with the various committees and organizations, both student and Institute run, at MIT. This is how I intend to work. As a result of my involvement in the Freshman class government so far, I've heard many good ideas, and learned a great deal about where and how to get things done. I hope that I'm the kind of person you'd like to see as your class president.

**Karl Frey**

I am a responsible, energetic guy who is working hard to keep these characteristics in an atmosphere where the scholastics would tend to stifle them. I enjoy working with people, and have always been part of my student body government. I am not sure of all of the responsibilities of the V.P. but I'm finding them out and the more I learn, the more I want the job! To those of you who don't know me already, I assure you that if elected, you will know me. Give me a chance to do the job I want and I'll do my best at it.

Secretary-Treasurer**Richard Tello**

Why should you vote for me? Because I CAN GET THE JOB DONE! I will try to get the class united, for people all over campus to know each other. I will choose people from appropriate parts of the class to express their views to me, and to help me serve the class. Only if you go out and vote will the right person get the job, so be sure to vote tomorrow in Lobby 10! And be sure to vote TELLO.

**Jeff Fried**

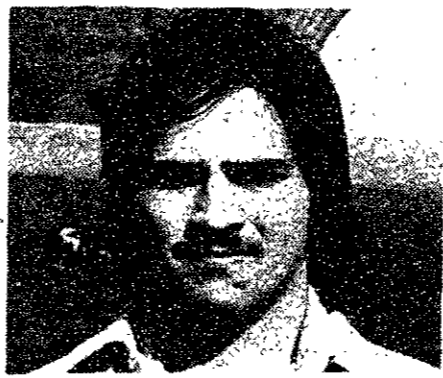
I am attracted to the position of Sec/Treas on two levels. Personally, I see the office as a way to meet new people and involve myself in interesting things. Politically, I hope to improve student government slightly. Class governments are potentially useful things; a sophomore council need not be a ring-polishing committee, but could fund and organize class seminars and information, job-seeking, and counseling services.

I have experience in treasury positions and feel as competent as any other candidate. I also feel motivated to be creative: I will try to increase interest, action and representation.

**Mark Goldberg**

I am eager to become involved in student government at MIT, having had a wide range of leadership experience in high school student government, United Synagogue Youth and as editor of my high school newspaper. Presently, I am serving as the H-C representative of my fraternity, Beta Theta Pi. Major areas of concern for me as a class officer will include encouraging school spirit and student awareness by involving more individuals in student government

and by sponsorship of class activities. As freshmen we may still be able to avoid the general MIT student apathy by acting now. Please vote Mark Goldberg for SEC/TREAS.

**Richard Salz**

College should provide more than a textbook education and a class ring. It should offer you the chance to meet a wide variety of people, make new friendships, and try new things. Unfortunately, it's all too easy to lose sight of this when one is snowed under by books and problem sets.

If elected, I would work with the other officers to improve this equally-important aspect of MIT, to make it a truly friendlier place, one where people come for the school itself, and not just for the education.

If you have any questions or want to talk at any time please give me a call.

**Susanne Zimmermann**

As Secretary-Treasurer of the Class of 1982, I would:

- 1) suggest a class party, picnic or other social activity to help bring the class together and improve class spirit.
- 2) propose that the sophomores apply for a loan from an MIT source to provide funds for class-related activities. The loan can be repaid after we have made some money (through the class t-shirt sale, etc.). The amount would depend on what the class is interested in doing.
- 3) see that the class is represented fairly in the choice of rings and have an active part in making decisions.

Executive Committee**Jennifer Bertan**

My name is Jennifer Bertan and I'm running for Exec. Com. I feel that I am quite qualified for

the position. I am a hard worker and full of ideas that I'd like to see set into action. If elected, I can not do this alone. I want to hear from YOU — what YOU think and feel about school activities, the class ring, etc. I have never hesitated to speak up for what I felt was right, and if elected, I will not hesitate to speak for you, my classmates. I appreciate your taking the time to read this and hopefully you will vote for me tomorrow. Thank you again.

**Bruce Kiernan**

Class officers represent the class to the administration. It is important that this be done reactively — responding to concerned parties approaching him — but it is more effective when done actively — determining class sentiment behind an issue and taking action to pursue this. This assumes that an officer has at least a rough sense of the class' will. Obviously, effective representation requires communication with your constituency. My experience with MIT and its students — particularly class of '82 students — indicates my ability to communicate.

The strongest asset, however, that a candidate can offer is a sense of commitment. An officer must be willing to spend the time necessary to fulfill his duties to the office and to the class. An officer must make his office one of his priorities. My record of extracurricular activities shows this commitment.

**Rich Kosowsky**

I feel that the duties of an Executive Committee member are to organize our class functions, as well as to help members of our class become acquainted with one another. Another very important part of the office is the function and decision of the Ring Committee. Unlike this year, if we should want to change the ring, we will decide as a class.

Through my experiences at the Institute so far, I have met many members of our class and believe that we have a good one. I have had experience in leadership roles and am sure that I can do a good job for us.

**Evan Morris**

Many of this year's freshmen have already become highly involved in the goings on of the MIT community while others are only now starting to feel comfortable enough to venture beyond the tooling and weekend beer-blasts. Until now there have been few large scale events that have been planned, organized, and carried out by our class as a unit. Now that we are about to have class officers let's take advantage of them, let's get them to get all of us to work as class and feel like a CLASS!

**Anita Sircar**

Hi! I am running for Executive Committee of the Class of '82.

Our sophomore year will be an important one as we will continue to make new friends among the members of our class. Well-organized activities sponsored by concerned and responsible class officers will serve to unite us into a group instead of allowing us to become a fragmented collection of individuals.

That's why I am running for class office. I'd like to have a part in developing our potential, and I am willing to devote a lot of time and energy to achieving this goal. So please vote Anita Sircar for ExecComm. I'd appreciate your support!

All statements in this section were submitted by the candidates and have not been edited by *The Tech*, although statements which were too long have been abridged.

Statements by Gregg Stave '79 and Scott Brennan '80 are not included, as the former's was not submitted until after deadline, and the latter's was of a nature which the author and *The Tech* felt might be misinterpreted. Both are unopposed candidates for Executive Committee seats.

Stave and Tabetha Frey '80, also an unopposed candidate for an Executive Committee seat, did not supply photographs to *The Tech*.

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Vice President**Amy Davidson**

As vice-president of the class of '82 I will represent the class fairly and equally. I will raise issues that a significant fraction of the class wishes raised. I will stay in close touch with as many members of the class as possible in order to know how they feel about matters of interest.

For those who feel that class unity is important I will work toward developing more activities and functions which promote a sense of togetherness and belonging.

Candidates give views at forum

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program he has is that cooking for yourself may be cheaper than eating on commons. Hammond, his running mate, is against the idea of compulsory commons.

Bisognano: He is against compulsory commons for freshmen. he says it is nice to have the opportunities to cook for yourself.

Rorabaugh: She does not like seeing any more constraints on freshmen. She says that making full-time labor more cost-effective might be a better way to cut the costs of commons.

Handling drinking age

Rorabaugh: She suggest students tak to their class officers about having alcohol at parties.

Bisognano: He says we have to live with the new drinking age. He would try to effect a change in the law by writing to legislators.

Forman: He suggested allowing students to bring their own alcohol to parties.

Hakala: He likes the idea of stamping hands at parties to identify those who can legally drink. He also suggested expanding non-alcoholic activities.

Cost of an MIT education

Hakala: He says he will actively lobby to keep tuition increases lower than the inflation rate, but he does not believe tuition can realistically be cut. He says he lobbied against the proposed \$200 increase in the equity level and says he was told his efforts were an important part in the decision to roll back the increase to \$150.

Forman: He says he does not believe tuition increases can be slowed without cutting programs or getting millions in donations. He says the solution is to get higher paying summer jobs for students so the equity level is more manageable. He says he "really wants to work with the Alumni Association to coordinate a summer job program."

Themes

Bisognano: he emphasizes his position as an outsider who can "give you a refreshing approach to student government."

Forman: His major interest is increasing "student-student interaction." He says he and Hammond have already built a communications network with their contacts with Dormcon and the fraternities that can increase interaction.

Rorabaugh: She says she does not believe that the UAP should have all the ideas but should instead listen to other people and get their ideas.

Hakala: He says he and Markham "are doing something about the quality of your lives." They emphasize past accomplishments.

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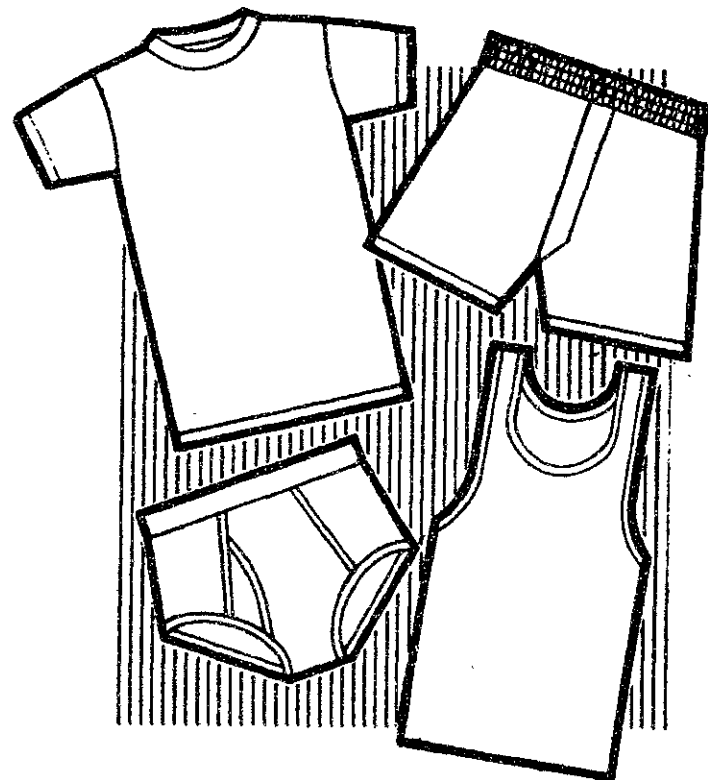
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Dracula returns as fang-in-cheek thriller

Dracula, a revival of the Hamilton Dean and John L. Balderston play. Starring Jean LeClerc, Lauren Thompson; directed by Dennis Rosa. Based on a novel by Bram Stoker; at the Colonial Theatre through May 13.

By Leigh J. Passman

A national touring production of *Dracula* has batted its way back to Boston to give the city a second taste of the entertaining classic. *Dracula* returns as it left, not really a mystery. Given the universality of Bram Stoker's novel, the widespread exposure to the plethora of vampire-cloned movies, and the nature of live theatre (particularly its intermissions), *Dracula* in a modern day form could not succeed solely as suspenseful mystery.

Instead, *Dracula* has been revived from the Hamilton Dean/John Balderston dramatization in what may be aptly described as a comedy thriller. Still suspenseful and exciting, the play, under Dennis Rosa's direction, conveys a more

tongue-in-cheek (or fang-in-cheek, as the New York critics have tagged it) melodramatic tone. While sporadically poking fun at itself with audience asides by the Count and sight gags, *Dracula* is still told with tension, romance, and the pervasive theme of good over evil.

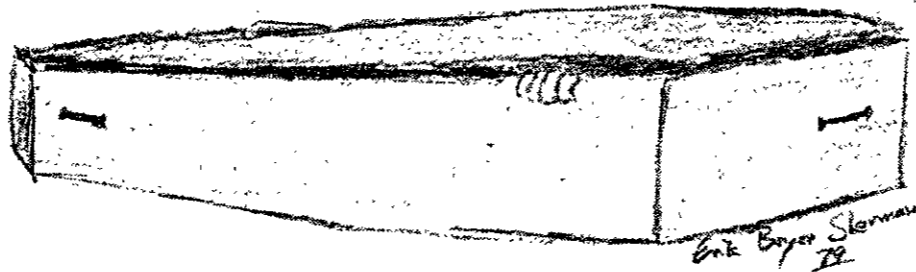
Jean LeClerc, stars in the touring production in the role popularized by Frank Langella (currently played by Raul Julia in New York). LeClerc conveys the necessary poise, charm, and sensual mystery. Yet his choppy, forceful projection, coupled with the guttural merger of a

Seward. George Martin is excellent as Abraham Van Helsing, his stentorian and authoritative tone always in control.

William B. Cain is obscure as Dr. Seward, Lucy's father and proprietor of the Seward Sanatorium, where patients slowly die as victims of the Count. Malcom Steward adequately plays the good-looking, boring stiff in love with Lucy. Leta Anderson and Geoff Garland give an entertaining flavor of their own as the maid and butler.

Finally, there is the wonderfully crazy Richard S. Levine, who as the captivating loonie, is forever keeping the Sanatorium staff on their toes and the audience in the aisles.

There is plenty of theatre that comes to Boston that is more important in a dramatic or social context than anything presented in *Dracula*. But for escapist amusement with a flair for light humor and a bit of drama, *Dracula* is most entertaining.



The play, in a little over two hours including the two intermissions, is fast-paced and never drags. Edward Gorey's design for the sets with his black and white etching-like detail are impressive and effective.

French Canadian accent and the husky tone called for by the role, makes his delivery somewhat stunted.

Lauren Thompson aptly plays his entranced prey, the coy, blond Miss Lucy

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arts

Two Gentlemen: one is good, one is not

Two Gentlemen of Verona by William Shakespeare. Starring Steven Aveson, Kirsten Giroux, Catherine Rust, Henry Woronicz. Directed by William Lacey; in repertory by the Boston Shakespeare Company.

By Joel West

Seventeenth century Verona is a rather remote time and place from contemporary America. There has been a great temptation of late to "update" Shakespeare's plays, especially the comedies. The BSC has resisted this fad in their latest production, a choice that seems well-justified with only a few adverse consequences.

Steven Aveson is first-rate in his treatment of Proteus. The protean protagonist is perplexingly perfidious, even for a comedy; most productions chose to pass off his contradictions under the veil of absurdity. Aveson, on the other hand, gives an interpretation of an individual who finds himself betraying his dearest friend and his betrothed over his

new-found love for another woman.

In the first scene, Aveson totally dominates his companion Valentine (Henry Woronicz) in reciting his love for Julia. In subsequent scenes he similarly overshadows Antonio (Richard Moses) and Panthino (Stacy Stein). His perfect swoon over Julia is quickly followed by his introduction to Silvia (Catherine Rust), where he manifests signs of falling in love only to those looking for them. In monologue wrestling with his dilemma, in his acts of treachery against his friend, in seizing upon an opportunity to advance his own cause, Aveson's portrayal convincingly brings out this most difficult of characters. In Proteus's final repentance, a scene which too easily resembles an artificially happy ending, Aveson instead conveys a sense of sincere self-realization.

Kirsten Giroux does an equally delightful job with the role of the

spurned lover. Julia the Elizabethan maiden seems particularly distant in these days of women's liberation; the character borders on the absurd when she toys with the idea of falling love, or tentatively kisses her Proteus for the first time.

Giroux's first chance to display something more comes in the third act, where the maiden is determined to join her beloved, but worries about the possible damage to her reputation. When she reappears in the play it is to be crushed by the revelation of Proteus's fickle nature. She does her best to cope with this abandonment; in the final scene, Giroux is perfect as she attempts to divine the true Proteus.

Rust is very good as the compassionate and yet restrained Silvia: tender in her moments with Valentine, and showing great empathy for the problems of Julia, a woman she's never met. Both Woronicz and Thomas Apple (as the Duke of Milan) deliver disappointingly spotty performances. While Thurio (Douglas Overtoom) is supposed to be Valentine's foolish rival, director William Lacey has unfortunately decided to make the part exaggerated and cliché.

To round out the production, Paul Dunn and Grey Johnson bring high comic relief as the gentlemen's servants; each is ideal for his respective role. Ingenious set design and appropriate period music round out a fine production of one of Shakespeare's great comedies.



Two fools, Speed (Paul Dunn, left) and Launce (Grey Johnson, right) examine a love letter in *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

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Wednesday Evening, 5:10 April 11, MIT Chapel: Lutheran-Episcopal Eucharist

Wednesday Night, April 11, 8 p.m. MIT Chapel: Sacrament of Penance with opportunity for private confessions to follow

Holy Thursday, April 12, 8 p.m. MIT Chapel: Catholic Liturgy

A celebration of the Inaugural of the Lord's Supper, in obedience to Jesus' command to remember him by means of a meal

Good Friday, April 13 MIT Chapel

12 Noon Lutheran-Episcopal Service

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First Celebration of Easter April 14, MIT Chapel

Saturday Evening 11:30 p.m. Catholic Light Service, Scripture, Renewal of Baptismal Commitment and Eucharist

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Third Celebration of Easter April 15, MIT Chapel

Sunday Noon, 12:15 Catholic Liturgy, Renewal of Baptismal Commitment and Eucharist

N.B. There is no Catholic Service on Easter Sunday afternoon.

FROM
ASHES
TO EASTER



sports

Swimmer regains interest

By Gregg Stave

When Karen Klincewicz came to MIT last September she wasn't sure if she would join the Women's Swim Team. After meeting Coach John Benedict and members of the team she decided to swim and began attending practices. By the end of the season, Karen had set eight individual event school records and been a member of three record setting freestyle relay teams as she led the Women's team to its most successful season (8-1) to date.

Karen began swimming seriously at the age of ten. Seriously meant working out four hours a day, which, looking back, Karen believes was excessive. She was, however, nationally ranked at the time and that amount of hard work and dedication was necessary to maintain her status. At the age of fourteen Karen hit a plateau and missed qualifying for the AAU Nationals by half a second for three straight seasons. She became disgusted with swimming because she was no longer improving and dropped down from swimming 10,000 yards to 2,000 yards per day. Although she continued to swim on a team through high school she did not enjoy it.

Arriving at MIT in the fall, Karen swam during open swimming time and met several members of the Women's team. She also met Coach Benedict and liked the atmosphere surrounding MIT swimming. After a few weeks of practice Karen saw that she was improving and began to enjoy swimming again.

Coach Benedict's attitude toward swimming was important to Karen. She feels that "you have to work very hard but it's not too high pressured. If you have to miss a practice because of

schoolwork it's okay." Swimming did not interfere with academics. Instead, Karen likes the idea of going to practice because it's "nice to do something different after classes." Karen also enjoyed the fact that workouts were co-ed so that she could swim in lanes with the men's team. She believes that she is more competitive with men and that made her work even harder during practices.

Highlights of her season included having the opportunity, even though it was at her own expense, to spend two weeks with the team training in Florida during January. Another high point for the freshman from Philadelphia was the chance to travel to the Nationals in Reno, Nevada. Previously, Karen felt

that she "swam well this season, except at the Nationals."

In his fourth year at MIT, John Benedict coaches both swim teams. According to the coach, Karen is "one of the toughest and most dedicated swimmers on both the Men's and Women's teams, but, even though she is a class swimmer there is a lot of room for improvement." He enjoys working with Karen trying to figure out ways to better her times. She is a versatile swimmer and has already set two records in butterfly, three in freestyle and three more in individual medley.

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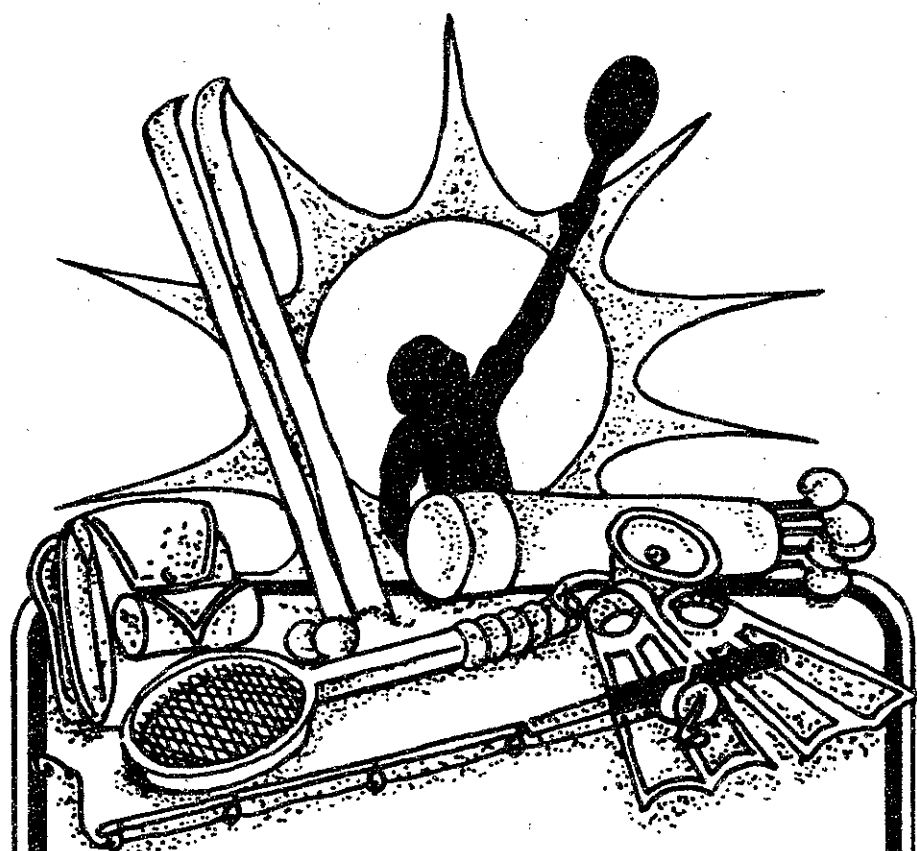
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